

South Side Main Street Buildings
18-54 Main Street
Nantucket
Nantucket County
Massachusetts

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Location: 18-54 Main Street, Nantucket, Massachusetts

Present Owner: Various

Present Occupant: Various

Present Use: Retail stores.

Brief Statement
of Significance:

All buildings built after the fire of 1846; typical late nineteenth and early twentieth century retail shopping street.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

#18, 20, 22, 24 Main Street

Owner: Union Lodge

Occupants: Buttner's Store 1st floor; Union Lodge 2nd floor.

Erected soon after 1846 as a one-story brick building, shown in photograph of 1867. Remodeled to present size in 1890, using the brick construction of first floor. Large windows added much later.

#26, 28, 30, 32 Main Street

Owner: Nantucket Historical Trust.

Occupant: Charlie's Market; Claire-Elaine's Beauty Parlor.

Built between 1892 and 1912. Present building is shown in 1912 photograph, but not in one of 1892. In 1867 picture the original building appears to have been very different, with pillars in front.

#34, 36 Main Street

Owner: Albert P. Manchester.

Occupant: Bosn's Locker and Upper Deck.

Present brick building was erected in 1926. Originally was one of the one-story temporary wooden structures put up soon after 1846. Known then as "Hussey Block."

#38, 40 Main Street

Owner: Sherburne Associates.

Occupant: Empty. Formerly occupied by a five and dime store.

New building -- around 1910. In 1892 was a high peaked roof wooden building.

#42, 44 Main Street

Owner: Robert H. and Arlene B. Christman
Occupants: Universal Photo Shop and Candy Store

Recent building - about 1910. In 1892 was two narrow stores.
#42 had two stories and #44 only one story.

#46 Main Street

Owner: Robert D. Francis.
Occupant: Same -- barber shop

Probably built about 1880. This small one-story building appears much the same as it was in 1892. In 1860's the site apparently was an entrance with fence and gateposts.

#48 Main Street

Owner: Maud E. Dinsmore.
Occupant: Same -- dress shop first floor; apartment second floor.

Built soon after 1846 with two stories as now. Recently restored or rebuilt. Windows were smaller in early 1860's.

#50, 52 and 54 Main Street

Owners: Congdon and Coleman -- Mrs. Catherine Fitzpatrick.
Occupants: Same.

Built soon after 1846. Very similar to present appearance in all old photographs.

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PART II. PROJECT INFORMATION

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